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Title : HIGHLY CROSS-LINKED, EXTREMELY HYDROPHOBIC NITRIC
OXIDE-RELEASING POLYMERS AND METHODS FOR THEIR
MANUFACTURE AND USE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed January 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Favorable consideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

are inventive over Pulfer *et al.* Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submit that claims 3, 4, 6-22 and 33-47, and new claims 48-49 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and earnestly request the withdrawal of the outstanding rejection on this basis.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2525. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-5021.

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